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Occupied Germany:

In the following Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ended 10 August 1946. Summarized in Appendix "D" is a report of Animal Diseases by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the half-month period 1—15 July 1946 (Veterinary reports are submitted semi-monthly).

Communicable Diseases:

With the exception of isolated small outbreaks of typhoid and paratyphoid fever in Land Bavaria there have been no significant changes in the incidence of communicable diseases during the current week. As a result of these outbreaks a mobile laboratory, stationed at Gauting, has been organized and is now in operation for the diagnosis of typhoid fever. There was an increase of 86 cases of diphtheria over those reported during the previous week with most of the increase reported in Bavaria and Bremen. There were no reported cases of typhus fever during the week and an increase of only two cases of poliomyelitis. Scarlet fever has increased slightly in all three Laender, Bremen, and US Sector of Berlin. Gonorrhea and syphilis both continue to show an increased incidence for the Zone as a whole. The reported cases of malaria increased by 10 cases in US Sector Berlin.

Medical Supplies:

Land Bavaria reports anticipation of relief of the acute shortages of medical items such as bandages and plaster of Paris as the result of the current program of making US Army surplus stocks available for German use under the disease and unrest and minimum economy formula for Germany.

Hospitalization:

The former Wehrmacht Lazarett at Falkenstein, Greater Hesse, has been converted into a tuberculosis hospital, thus making 500 beds available. A nearby hospital has also been located with an additional 100 beds, which will reduce the existing tuberculosis bed shortage. Bavaria reports that the hospital bed situation has become somewhat static in the Land due to the fact that no more Prisoner of War hospitals will be released by the Third US Army until the returning Prisoners of War are cared for.

Veterinary Affairs:

The most prevalent diseases among animals are erysipelas of swine, foot-and-mouth disease, plague of fowl, and scabies of horses. The trends of incidence are not significant. Excellent results of control of hog cholera with the new crystal-violet vaccine is reported from Bavaria. This vaccine was developed in the United States and was first introduced into Germany a few months ago by the American Military Government Veterinary Officers.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 10 August 1946

Regierungs- bezirk		Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																						c: Cases d: Deaths				
				Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	
TOTAL US Zone	a)	16,679,390	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	781 18	206 —	745 168	133 19	846 1	10 4	18 4	2974 —	926 —	163 9	209 1	43 —	17 5	—	7 —	2759 —	—	—	30 1	32 —	161 —
Mainfranken		935,625	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	29 1	6 —	34 5	2 —	42 —	—	1 —	59 —	20 —	12 —	6 —	5 —	—	—	—	139 —	—	—	—	—	—
Ober- and Mittelfranken		2,166,033	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	95 1	30 —	67 19	7 1	95 —	—	—	448 —	143 —	64 1	157 —	5 —	—	—	—	443 —	—	—	3 —	—	22 —
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz		1,866,526	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	61 5	20 —	41 11	3 —	88 —	1 1	—	272 —	52 —	16 2	3 —	—	—	—	—	528 —	—	—	3 1	—	10 —
Schwaben		1,040,631	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	47 —	14 —	12 5	4 2	101 —	4 —	1 1	181 —	70 —	4 1	8 —	—	—	—	—	155 —	—	—	—	—	3 —
Oberbayern		2,160,916	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	93 1	18 —	99 16	11 2	98 —	2 2	—	399 —	123 —	14 3	3 —	5 —	—	—	—	330 —	—	—	2 —	—	65 —
Kassel		1,153,323	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	55 3	11 —	34 2	9 6	37 —	—	1 —	108 —	41 —	9 —	4 —	—	—	—	2 —	99 —	—	—	2 —	—	5 —
Wiesbaden		1,461,997	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	68 1	16 —	103 11	15 —	77 —	1 1	2 —	401 —	120 —	2 —	13 —	2 —	3 —	—	—	14 —	—	—	4 —	—	—
Hessen		1,178,132	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	49 1	15 —	47 4	6 1	63 —	—	—	165 —	57 —	3 —	4 —	1 —	—	—	5 —	225 —	—	—	1 —	15 —	39 —
Baden		1,249,127	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	81 1	9 —	100 17	9 2	77 —	—	1 —	233 —	57 —	—	—	2 —	14 5	—	—	541 —	—	—	—	—	—
Württemberg		2,044,156	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	77 2	30 —	52 15	10 1	162 —	2 —	3 1	292 —	80 —	25 2	3 —	—	—	—	—	145 —	—	—	2 —	—	17 —
Bremen Port Command		478,106	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	45 —	5 —	32 7	7 —	6 —	—	9 —	144 —	31 —	4 —	2 —	5 —	—	—	—	140 —	—	—	—	17 —	—
Berlin (US Sector)		944,818	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	81 2	32 —	124 56	50 3	—	—	—	272 —	132 —	10 1	6 —	18 —	—	—	—	—	—	—	13 —	—	—

a) Totals include Bremen Enclave.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 10 August 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE c: Cases d: Deaths																											
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Polio-myelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	
Bavaria	8,169,731	P c	—	—	—	—	—	—	325 8	88 —	253 56	27 5	424 —	7 3	2 1	1359 —	408 —	110 4	177 —	15 —	—	—	—	—	1595 —	—	—	8 1	—	100
Greater Hesse	3,793,452	P c	—	—	—	—	—	—	172 5	42 —	184 17	30 8	177 1	1 —	3 —	674 —	218 —	14 —	21 —	3 —	3 —	—	7 —	338 —	—	—	7 —	15 —	44	
Württemberg Baden	3,293,283	P c	—	—	—	—	—	—	158 3	39 —	152 32	19 3	239 1	2 —	4 3	525 —	137 —	25 4	3 —	2 —	14 5	—	—	—	686 —	—	—	2 —	—	17
Bremen Port Command	478,106	P c	—	—	—	—	—	—	45 —	5 —	32 7	7 —	6 —	—	9 —	144 —	31 —	4 —	2 1	5 —	—	—	—	—	140 —	—	—	—	17	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	P c	—	—	—	—	—	—	81 2	32 —	124 56	50 3	—	—	—	272 —	132 —	10 1	6 —	18 —	—	—	—	—	—	—	13 —	—	—	—

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,169,731								20.67	5.60	16.09	1.72	28.97	.44	1.3	86.43	25.95	7.00	11.26	.95	—	—	—	—	101.44	—	—	.51	—	6.36
Greater Hesse	3,793,452								23.58	5.76	25.23	4.11	24.27	.14	.41	92.40	29.89	1.92	2.88	.41	.41	—	—	.96	46.34	—	—	.96	2.06	6.03
Württemberg-Baden	3,293,283								24.95	6.16	24.00	3.10	37.74	.31	.63	82.90	21.63	3.95	.47	.31	2.21	—	—	108.32	—	—	—	.31	—	2.68
Bremen Port Command	478,106								48.94	5.44	34.80	7.61	6.52	—	9.79	156.61	33.71	4.35	2.17	5.44	—	—	—	152.26	—	—	—	18.49	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818								44.58	17.61	68.25	27.52	—	—	—	149.71	72.65	5.50	3.30	9.91	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.15	+	+	+

+ No data submitted

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 10 August 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis	Polio-myelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Total US Zone	a) 16,679,390	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.37	6.43	23.24	4.15	26.39	.31	.56	92.79	28.89	5.08	6.52	1.34	.53	—	.22	86.08	—	—	.94	1.00	5.02
Mainfranken	985,625	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.12	3.33	18.90	1.11	23.34	—	.55	32.79	11.12	6.67	3.33	2.78	—	—	—	77.26	—	—	—	—	—
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.81	7.26	16.09	1.68	22.81	—	—	107.56	34.33	15.37	37.69	1.20	—	—	—	106.36	—	—	.72	—	5.28
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,866,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.99	5.57	11.42	.83	24.52	.28	—	75.78	14.49	4.46	.83	—	—	—	—	147.10	—	—	.83	—	2.79
Schwaben	1,040,631	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.48	6.99	6.00	2.00	50.47	2.00	.50	90.44	34.98	2.00	4.00	—	—	—	—	77.45	—	—	—	—	1.50
Oberbayern	2,160,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.37	4.33	23.82	2.65	23.58	.48	—	96.00	29.59	3.37	.72	1.20	—	—	—	79.40	—	—	.48	—	15.64
Kassel	1,153,323	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.80	4.96	15.33	4.06	16.68	—	.45	48.70	18.49	4.06	1.80	—	—	—	.90	44.64	—	—	.90	—	2.25
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.19	5.69	36.64	5.33	27.39	.35	.71	142.63	42.68	.71	4.62	.71	1.07	—	—	—	—	—	1.42	—	—
Hessen	1,178,132	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.63	6.62	20.74	2.65	27.81	—	—	72.83	25.16	1.32	1.76	.44	—	—	2.21	99.31	—	—	.44	6.62	17.21
Baden	1,249,127	—	—	—	—	—	—	33.72	3.75	41.63	3.75	32.05	—	.42	97.00	23.73	—	—	.83	5.83	—	—	215.27	—	—	—	—	—
Württemberg	2,044,156	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.59	7.63	13.23	2.54	41.21	.51	.76	74.28	20.35	6.36	.76	—	—	—	—	36.89	—	—	.51	—	4.32
Bremen Port Command	a 478,106	—	—	—	—	—	—	48.94	5.44	34.80	7.61	6.52	—	.97	156.61	33.71	4.35	2.17	5.44	—	—	—	152.76	—	—	—	18.49	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.58	17.61	68.25	27.52	—	—	—	149.71	72.65	5.50	3.90	9.91	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.15	—	—

a) Included Bremen Enclave. + No data submitted.
(Rates Expressed as per 10,000 per Annum).

APPENDIX "D" Incidence of communicable Animal Diseases in United States Zone of Germany for period 1-15 July 1946

Figures are numbers of farms newly infected during the period

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Area	Anthrax	Blackleg	Cholera of pigs	Cholera of fowl	Cotill vesicular exanthema of cattle	Contagious pleuropneumonia of cattle	Dourine of horses	Encephalomyelitis of pigs	Encephalomyelitis of horses	Erysipelas of pigs	Foot-and-mouth disease	Glanders	Infectious abortion of cattle	Infectious abortion of sheep	Infectious anemia of horses	Malignant edema of cattle	Plague of fowls	Pox of sheep	Rabies	Scabies of cattle	Scabies of horses	Scabies of sheep	Strangles of horses	Trichomoniasis of cattle	Tuberculosis of cattle	Piriplasmosis of cattle	
			11		19				7	456	24	3	16		13		307			1	86	3			2	8	5
			7		4				3	452	242	7	6		9	2	185			1	117	3				4	3
		1	10	36	3				7	672	129	2	92		10	2	241				161	3				4	8
	2		7						3	615	134	8	85		9		185			2	113	3				4	2
LAND BAVARIA			7							275		7	85		4		185				107	3					
Mainfranken *																											
Ober- & Mittelfranken *																											
Nied. Bay'n & Oberpfalz *																											
Schwaben										41			85								5						
Oberbayern *																											
LAND GREATER HESSE	2									198	134				2						2					2	
Kassel	2									76					2						1						
Wiesbaden										54	134										1					2	
Hessen										68																	
LAND WUERTTEMBERG-BADEN									3	142		1			3					2	4				4		
Baden										61					1						2				4		
Württemberg												1			2					2	2						
BREMEN ENCLAVE									3	81										2							
BERLIN DIST. (US Sector)																											

* Data for these Reg. Bez. not reported separately; but are included in Bavaria total.

